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THINGS IN GENERAL

Flying Honeymoon. Russian Surprise. No Oil for Yankees.

The United States Government discusses seriously the preposterous proposition that this country should finance the indemnity of the Allies, take billions of German bonds, and hand real cash to the Allies that conquered. Why is such a preposterous joke discussed at all? Mexicans have been fighting each other for a long time, robbing each other, stealing national funds, wasting prosperity and opportunity because they prefer war to peace. There would be more reason for financing Mexican wars than European wars, for Mexico is near us.

Profiteering should be fought in every way.

But a plan to end all loans on food in cold storage and compel the distribution of that food should be carefully considered.

This country has not yet met its food problem. That is coming later, after food production shall have been cut down by this spring's bad weather and by farmers unable to hire labor or dissatisfied with returns.

Cold storage profiteers should be in jail. But it must not be forgotten that cold storage itself is the one thing that makes all-year-round feeding of a gigantic nation possible. Without it you would have cheap food in summer, preposterous prices and much starvation in winter.

Mr. Terhune, of Boston, goes on his wedding trip in a flying machine painted white, in gold letters upon it the words, "Honeymoon Express."

The old theory was that all honeymoons were spent in the clouds, anyhow. The "Honeymoon Express" is called romantic, but it really demonstrates lack of romance. The ordinary young bride, with a shiny new valise, two new dresses, new shoes, and a new hat, is higher up in the clouds, and so is her young husband, than any flying machine could take them.

Sometimes they come down suddenly to earth and hit the ground hard, as does the flying machine, but that can't be helped. At least, they have their flight.

More surprise from Russia. You read "rumors" that Lenin and his government once more have been driven to the edge of destruction. Then along come official statements, and you find the British retreating in Persia, having given up all ports on the Caspian Sea to Lenin, and that the Bolsheviks have driven the Poles back along the Dvina. Look out for a nation in revolution or a volcano in eruption; you cannot tell what forces may be set free.

A nation, like a man, is dangerous "When it believes everything it says."

The Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society of America has arranged to send two thousand Polish Jews weekly to the United States. This will mean about two hundred thousand new Jewish arrivals in the next two years. By all but the ignorant, prejudiced, and intolerant, these immigrants will be welcomed and appreciated. Every one of them will be self-supporting, an addition to mercantile or industrial prosperity in this country.

In the biggest city in the country drivers of milk wagons went on strike, not because they had any quarrel with employers or with children that need milk. They are striking "to settle a fight within the union." Union labor shows remarkable resourcefulness in schemes for reducing the strength and the safety of union labor.

One strike like that of the milk drivers, inspired by brutal indifference to public welfare, is harmful to every workingman.

"Fill thy horn with oil and go," says the Bible. But that doesn't apply in Palestine to Americans. Some of them wanted to bore for oil there, and Davis, United States Ambassador, asked British Government for permission. The English reply was that the political status of Palestine was not settled, therefore it wasn't desirable for anybody to dig.

The London Express says Americans are to be excluded from the Mesopotamian oil fields, another of earth's corners ruled by England. The Express adds this "decisive and vigorous decision is of utmost importance in the British Empire battle for oil independence." The English know how to protect their resources, give them credit for that. Our Government ought to go abroad and learn how they do it.

Once-Overs

ON GOING TO THE PARTY.

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When married couples start out in life they are young and vigorous and usually travel the same social pace, but when middle life comes one begins to lag.

This one is more likely to be the woman, if a question of vitality; the man, if a question of interest.

When one is anxious to take part in the social gayeties and the other, perhaps because of declining strength, doesn't care for such amusement, an alarming tension may be created.

Often one is tired of social events and seeks to avoid outside distractions.

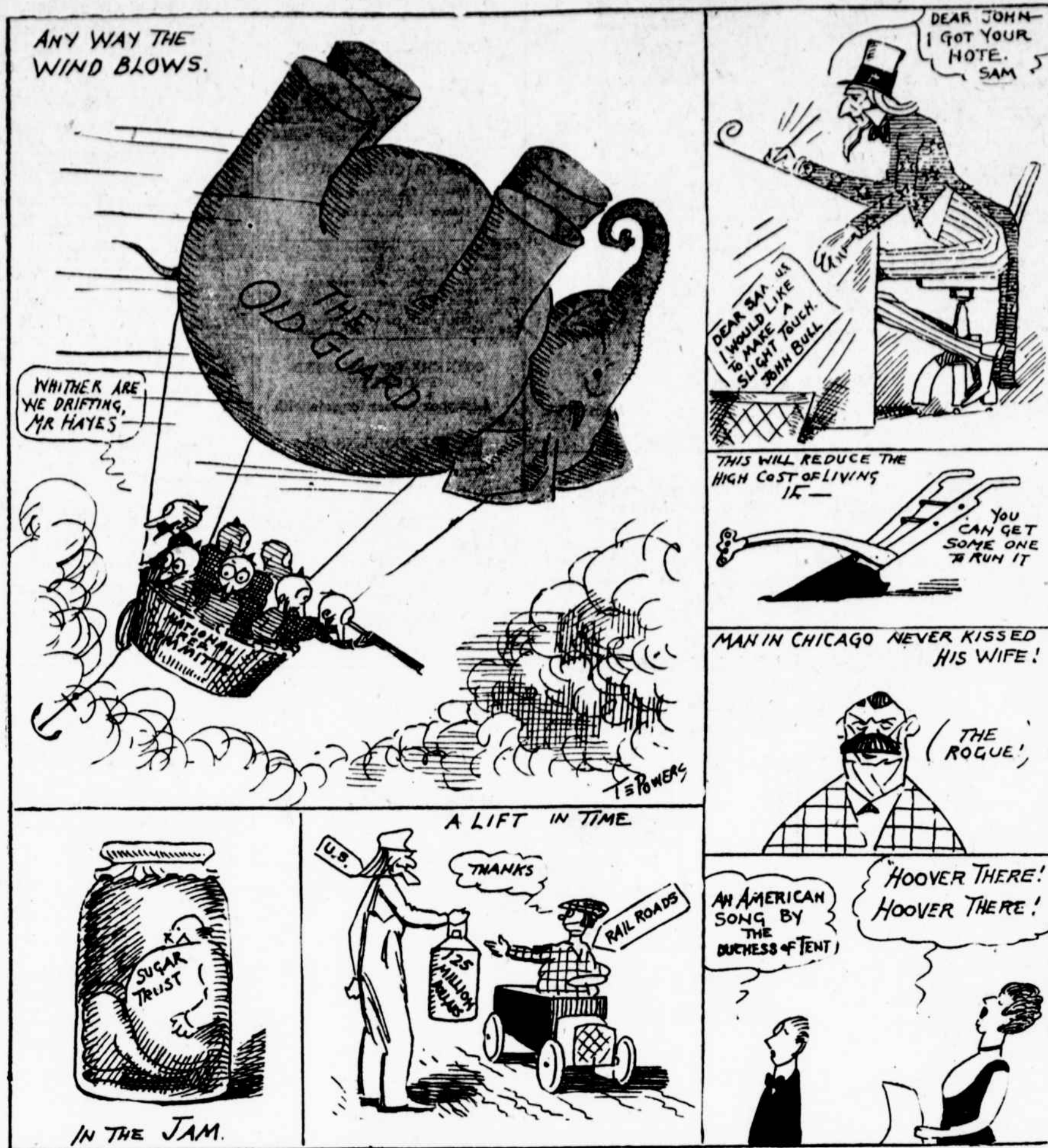
There are excuses enough for a person to wish to lead a quiet life, but it is unwise for either party in the married state to give up entirely the social affairs which may interest the other.

Isn't it far better for husband or wife to desire the other's company rather than to wish to go alone or with companions from outside the home?

Up in the Air

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By T. E. POWERS



Beatrice Fairfax Writes of the Problems and Pitfalls of Workers Here Especially for Washington Women

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have two very attractive older sisters, but we are all three very near the same age. I'm not a bad dancer and seem to be able to go with boys until they learn I am the "baby" of the family. I have been engaged to a young man for some time, but now he comes to see my sisters. And it amuses them immensely that they can "vamp" my men. Is he worth my love or not? Would you please advise me what to do? SYDNEY.

YOUR sisters seem to be acting very queerly and if I were you, I'd do my level best to beat them at their own game. You attracted the man first and if that is any criterion, you will be able to attract him again. Refuse to be pushed into the background even if you are the "kid" sister. If you were actually engaged to this young man, I fail to understand how he can transfer his attentions without some understanding with you.

On the other hand, perhaps you are taking the thing seriously when the others are only intending to have some fun with you. Try to have an understanding with your sisters also. Possibly when they learn you are really disturbed they will quit trying to tease you.

Patty Seems to Be

The Most Popular Girl.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I can no longer refrain from an attempt to express my admiration for Miss "Patty" and her ideals. No better trait of character in a woman is known to me, than that of demanding respect; for genuine womanhood is a pre-requisite to carrying out that demand consistently. This demand in its true office is not conceit, but is the product of persisting ideals.

"Patty's" first letter is a stirring challenge to any man and her second is an amplification of that challenge for someone to match up to a "gentleman." I would like to have her detailed specification for her "real man," but with-

out it it seems that chivalry must be his principle qualification. No longer do knights roam with steed and lance, ready for a combat to prove some fair maiden a gentleman; but that custom might be equalled in chivalry by a man's not expecting kisses as a reward for time and money spent with a woman.

I do not aspire the candidacy for Patty's perfect man, because I would be ruled out on her first principle that he "respect all women." I make a distinction between real women and mere females, and I support this "reservation" to her principle, to respect all respectable women. My limited association with women has informed me of no unrespectable woman, but observation has taught me that there are some of every grade, and reason forces me to conclude that any woman is entitled to as much consideration and respect as she possesses the qualities of a real woman.

I concede that they are all due routine courtesy, and that it is not fair to compare any woman to some ideal standard. It ought to be assumed of every woman that she is all right in her own way until she proves herself otherwise.

Above is my theory and has been my practice; however, I do not pose as a gentleman as my little experience has not given me much practice in that capacity.

While I do not hope to match up

to Patty, yet if she has a restless glove and knows some good lion's den, or if she has a modern equivalent of the lion test, I would certainly bid high in effort. AMATEUR.

Sunny Sue Won

Many Admirers.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

Please let me say a word to one of your correspondents. It is this: "Sunny Sue: 'My hat's off to you. Your letter was immense, and I liked it a lot, you expressed my sentiments exactly, and I would, for a fact, like to meet you.'

'I've been in town since last October, and I've yet to meet a girl of your type. The girls I've met have been bawdy and uninteresting, and I've longed to make the acquaintance of just such a girl as your letter represents you to be. 'I'm a young man in my early twenties. I work in one of the Government departments days and attend one of the local institutions of learning nights. I'm fond of the out-of-doors and enjoy a hike with the best of them. I'm a theatergoer and a dancer as well. I can bowl and carry on an interesting conversation. A REGULAR FELLER.'

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have never heard anyone about the girl that signed herself Bubbles and that said that she was very lonesome and hoped some day that

she could meet a pal and be very happy. Now, Miss Fairfax, this girl has appealed to me very much and would like to hear from her again. B. P.

Perhaps Bubbles will write us another letter and tell us how she is getting along. Dozens of my readers were interested in her brave little letter and would like to hear from her again.

We Have No Solution Of The H. C. of L.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

Will you please let me know, through your columns, whether or not girls and women are allowed to wear overalls on the streets in Washington, D. C.

I am very anxious to know, as I have not seen any so far. KOK.

There are many things concerning which there is no necessity to pass laws. I suppose this is one of them. I doubt whether there is any rule against such costume for the simple reason that the subject has probably never come up for consideration. Most women would never raise the question because such a costume would attract so much unpleasant attention they would never care to venture farther than their own front yard.

Sunny Sue's Letter

Appeals to Many.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I read your advice and the letter of "Sunny Sue." Before I saw the letter in the Times I was on the point of writing you to ask you where just such girls as Sunny Sue are to be found. I would certainly like to know her for if what she says is true she is apparently a rare exception to the average Washington girl and one of a kind that I have as yet had little occasion to become acquainted with. I like to dance myself, occasionally, but I enjoy a great deal more a walk, or tennis and other outdoor sports and there are so few of the Washington girls that think of anything but dancing, theater going, etc. PARTICULAR

Permanent Good Roads and Automobile Taxation

By BILL PRICE.

Permanent good roads in the District, instead of the ruins that are now wrecking automobiles and other vehicles, are the chief aim of the committee of citizens seeking to have the District Commissioners recommend to Congress a system that will insure better roads and simplify existing methods of taxation. Doubtless the Commissioners will give the careful attention to the subject that it deserves. These officials know that the condition of District highways is disgracefully deplorable.

Business men who met to discuss the problem were perfectly willing to raise by private subscription the money Congress has failed to appropriate, but this cannot be done under law. And to insure against future bad road conditions the committee of citizens urges a change in taxation methods that will increase the sums derived from automobiles if that plan includes an arrangement by which the money can be put back upon the roads.

One plan proposed is to continue the tax on automobile horsepower, but to substitute for personal property taxes a tax on weight and tonnage. It is estimated that next year 60,000 automobile licenses will be issued in the District. There is a willingness to pay more money into the District treasury if roads are kept in proper condition.

It is going to be necessary to do something for improved roads. Trucks are becoming heavier and heavier and are cutting to pieces the macadam roads built in recent years. The engineer department of the District admits that macadam is practically obsolete under present-day conditions, requiring much money for repair and the repairs not holding up. Asphalt and cement, put down for heavy traffic, is the program, and the cost is going to be considerable.

Whatever the solution of the problem, it should be worked out with as little delay as possible and action obtained from Congress.

HEARD AND SEEN

Certainly there are girls' baseball teams in Washington. The G. P. O. has a team. One of them was explaining to the others. This is what I heard: "When you get four foul balls you get a base." P. A. R.

COPS AND THE KIDS.

A good citizen living in the vicinity of Eighteenth street and Columbia road complains about the crabbed janitor of an apartment house who has all the children and some of the grown-ups wrought up over his hunting up policemen to prevent small infractions caused by bouncing, rolling or tossing baseballs or golf balls. Veteran cops do not pay much attention to the janitor but some of the new ones are siding with the crab.

"The children are all right, and should not be bothered by the cops for trying to get a little pleasure," the writer remarks.

Why was Pharaoh's daughter like a broker? W. F. W. GRAVES.

POINTS IN POLITICS.

What will it profit a Presidential candidate if he gains votes in popular primaries but doesn't have the support of Boies Penrose in the convention?

How many acres are there in the Lodge reservations? Has Kid Daniels really landed a solar plexus on Battling Sims? P. L. W.

The best rifle shot in Washington high schools is GERALD TRIMBLE, Business High. L. S.

PARADOXICAL IT IS.

A yarn rightly spun is sometimes a pun, and sometimes a pun is a yarn spun, but it's never spun yarn, though the punster may be "worsted." In the sentence "The cow is a pronoun because it stands for Mary. If it didn't she couldn't milk it." HENRY F. SMITH.

As to Adam and whiskers, I'm convinced Adam Had'em. B. P.

ARE "BUSINESS" BOYS

LACKING IN SPEED?

An attractive girl writes H. and S. that the most serious fault with Business High School boys is lack of "speed." She adds: "They like a girl and yet they're too bashful to make a date or take her to a movie after school. Fellows, why not head the school list for speed?"

If the krout got sour will the weenie get the wurst of it? PAT.

USES OF A GLASS EYE.

L. E. H. sends a poem of a lady who lost an eye, which a skillful surgeon replaced with a tom cat's eye. At night one of her eyes goes to sleep, the poem recites, while the other goes looking for a feline.

Among a certain coterie of poker players in Washington the joke is told of a Washington poker player who happens in a game to awaken his suspicion he takes the glass eye out, lays it in front of him and remarks: "You watch 'em, eye, I can't catch 'em."

THAT HIGH SCHOOL GAME.

"Peggy," "Marie," "Henry" and a dozen other Business High boys and girls continue their criticisms of the umpire in the recent Business-Central game. They call for another game, with another umpire.



There are no more popular girls anywhere than these three in Sacred Heart Academy: MARGARET WALTERS, MARGUERITE FITZGERALD, ANGELA BROSNAHAN. E. M.

I wrote my tailor in Detroit for prices, telling him I was likely to be elected president of the Old Clothes Movement. Apologizing for double prices, he wrote back: 'Be old clothes movement will soon give way to the big leaf movement, for Washington in summer is just the place for such a movement, especially with so much hot-air floating about.'

A SNAPPY PROBLEM.

How many dinners would be necessary for a club of seven persons who had agreed to dine with each other as long as they could be differently arranged when they sat down? R. H. ATKINSON.

SMALLPOX MARKS.

Is it possible to get rid of pock marks? I have them as a result of smallpox. Is there no help? N. R.

What strange sight has Ra-cine? Who told Buffa-lo? Who threw Little Rock. And made Chicago? N. L. L.

THE ONE GREAT VOID.

I've been all over the world, seen everything worth seeing, known hate and love, but have not yet found the one real girl. J. S. R. (No applicants received here.)

Dear Little token, don't you cry. You'll be a Hambolette by-and-by. JOHN R. STREEKS.

The "orange pickers" of southwest Washington perform the "extract shimmie" three or four times a week near Eleventh and Maryland avenue southwest. J. B.

FRANKLIN PIERCE was the fourteenth President of the United States, had fourteen letters in his name, and his initials, F. P., stands for "fourteenth President." WOODROW WILSON, as you have stated, has thirteen letters in his name. HENRY SMITH.

THE HOTTENTOT TOT.

If a Hottentot taught a Hottentot tot to talk he the tot could totter. Ought the Hottentot tot to be taught to say tot? Or ought or what ought to be taught her? If the tot and tot a Hottentot tot Ra taught by a Hottentot totter, should the totter get tot? Hoot and tot at the Hottentot totter. B. F. D.

NOT THE BEST YET.

A queer little man is the Hindu. He does just the best he kin do. He lives way out there. And has nothing to wear. So he makes his own skin do. V. S. S.